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RUSSIA ON CHINESE SOIL

SHE OCCUPIES KINCHAU, NORTH

OF PORT ARTHUR.

The British and Japanese Fleets Are at Port

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raltar - Betails of the Great Progress

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Special Cable Desparches to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.-A despatch to the Lokal

Anzeiger from St. Petersburg says that the

Russians have occupied Kinchau, north of Port

SHANGHAL Dec. 27.—The Chefu correspondent

of the Shanghai Mercury says that the Brit-

ish fleet has arrived at Port Hamilton, and

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 27 .- The German squadron,

consisting of the cruisers Deutschland and

that the Japanese fleet is also at that place.

## MR. BARROETA ARRESTED.

A SPANIARD FROM NEW YORK SEIZED IN HAVANA.

He Had Written a Pamphlet on Weyler's Brutallty and Military Incompetency-Twenty Wounded Spanish Seldiers are Burned to Beath by Pollowers of Their Own Plag.

HAVANA, Dec. 27, via Key West .- Don Santiago Barrosta, a Spaniard who attained some notoristy in New York last summer through the publication of a pamphlet on Weyler's war of extermination and his failure to subdue the revolution, was arrested here to-day on the steamer City of Washington, on which he returned from New York to Havana,

It is said that Sefor Barroeta went to New York under an assumed name and with another man's passport. Weyler had ordered his arrest for alleged frauds committed in Cien-fuegos at the begianing of the year, in connivance with the Spanish Governor of Santa Clara, Senor Montero Vidal. Senor Barroeta has always asserted his innocence of these charges, and the truth is that, while Montero Vidal left the island greatly enriched by his plunder, Barroeta lived poorly in New York after his ,escape from the island.

When Barroota published his pamphlet in New York, a long account of it was printed in THE SUN. This aroused against him the wrath of the Spanish Ambassador in Washingn, Senor Dupuy de Lome, and of the Spanish Consul in New York, Senor Baldasano, They treated him as a traitor to his country. Barroeta challenged them to point out a single lie in is paniphlet and to ask his extradition from the American Government if he was really guilty.

Senor Barrocts said to-day, when arrested, that he had supposed Weyler's reign of terror was over in Cubs, and that if he did not call at the Spanish Consulate in New York to get a passport it was because he feared Senor Baldasano would try to prevent him from returning to Cuba. Senor Saldasano knew, in New York, that Barroeta had sailed on the City of Washington, and cabled to the authorities in Havana to arrest him. On account of Senor Barroeta's pamphlet his brother-in-law was arrested by Weyler and subjected to very harsh treatment.

The war is waging fleroely in Santiago de Cuba province. Gen. Calixto Garcia still holds his strong positions from the mouth of the Cauto River to Cauto del Embarcadero, Gen. Pando has asked for more reinforcements. A series of engagements is reported in Santa

Clara province, near Arroyo Blanco, the insurgent forces being those of Gen. 'laximo Gomez In Pinar del Rio province the patriots under Ducasi still hold their positions on the Lomas de Pelados, where the terrible battle was fought last month against the combined Spanish columns of Gens. Bernal and Hernandez de Velazco. The Spaniards have not since made any attempt to attack them.

The tragic end of twenty Spanish soldiers and a Spanish Sergeant named Mariano Sesa, who were made prisoners by Ducasi in that battle and released by him a few days ago, has been reported here. Some of them were badly unded in the battle and others contracted fever while with the usurgents. Gen. Ducasi ordered them to be put on the highway under a tent and some miles from posted a placard on a tree informing the Spaniards where they might find their countrymen. A Spanish guerrilla force went to the place where the sick and wounded Spaniards were and burned them alive. Next morning a Cuban scout passing by the tree where the these words written on a piece of paper: "They

#### END OF THE PHILIPPINES WAR. Some of the Insurgent Chiefs Going to Spatu to Declare Their Allegiance

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN MADRID, Dec. 27 .- A despatch from Manila says that Aguinaldo and thirty-six other in surgent chiefs, accompanied by Captain-General Primo de Rivera, have embarked at Secal for Hong Kong. Six insurgent chiefs remained to superintend the submission of the insurgent bands and to receive their arms.

Aguinaldo stipulated that not a single weapon or cartridge should be given up by the insur gents until they had received news of the chiefs' safe arrival at Hong Kong. The Spaniards were compelled to agree to this, as the chiefs are very distrustful of the Spanish promises.

The chiefs on their part have undertaken to make unconditional submission, swearing that they will never again take up arms against Spain. They thereupon received absolute pardon and amnesty.

Aguinaldo declares that the rebellion was not inspired by hatred of Spain. It was attribute. ble solely to the bad government of the archipelago. He says that he is willing to fight for Spain, and he hopes that an opportunity will arise when he can do so. He will assure the Queen Regent of his complete and respectful

## MINISTER WOODFORD'S REPLY. The Yener of the Note He Presented to the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-The note which Minister Woodford has presented to the Spanish Government is a reply to the communication of Sagasta outlining the new Cuban reforms, ex plaining what Spain is doing to end the rebellion, and suggesting that the United States would do well to let Spain manage her internal affairs, while this Government devoted itself to suppressing flibustering and preventing the display of so much sympathy with the insurgents

play of so much sympathy with the insurgents by the American people.

Gen. Woodford's answer is devoted almost entirely to a refutation of the implied charge that this country has violated its international obligations in not preventing fillbusters from saling from American ports. President McKinley refers to this subject in his annual message. Referring to the discussion in the Sagasta note of the question of the international duties and responsibilities of the United States, as Soain understands them, "with an apparent disposition to charge us with failure in this regard," the Fresident says:

"This charge is without any basis in fact. It could not have been made if Spain had been cognizant of the constant efforts this Government has made at the cost of millions and by the employment of the administrative machinery of the nation at command to perform its fail duty according to the law of nations. That it has successfully prevented the departure of a single military expedition of our laws would seem to be a sufficient answer. But of this aspect of the Spanish note it is not necessary to speak now. Firm in the conviction of a wholly performed obligation, due response to this charge has been made in diplomatic course."

## SPAIN'S PERSION OF IT.

#### The Government Has Confidence in the Attitude of the United States.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS MADRID, Dec. 27. - An official note, that was issued to-day, declares that the Spanish press overestimates the importance of the reply of the American Government to the Spanish note

It says that the Government continues t have confidence in the correctness of the attitude of the United States, notwithstanding that certain bassages of the American note require a

## George Glatras Not in the Party.

The four Greeks who were arrested on Sunday disorderly conduct in a Sixth avenue elevated train were fined \$10 each at Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday. All of them when arrested gave the address 200 West Sixty-ninth street, and the names they gave were G. Mavrogenis, Theodore Giatras, B. Glatras, and John Glrakar. The UN was mistakenly informed on Nanday that George Giatras of the same address was in the party and was arrested. He was not.

#### THE WIDOW EDWARDS SURPRISED. the Finds a Man in Her Bed-She Calls a Paster and a Constable.

When Mrs. Emma Edwards of Orient, L. I. went home on Christmas eve she found a mar curled up in her bed. Mrs. Edwards, who is a widow, was considerably disconcerted. For the time of a few heart beats she stood in stony quiet gazing down upon a tangle of whiskers longed, gurgling snore issuing therefrom broke the spell.

"Whoo-oo-oo-oop!" observed Mrs. Edwards in the key of high C and fled forth upon the

public highway.

A few rods away stood the Congregational parsonage, inhabited by Pastor Taft. Mrs. Ed-wards came through the side door without stopping to knock. She enunciated seventeen hundred words in twenty-three seconds, to such good purpose that the excellent pastor comprehended perfectly that his presence was desired immediately at the Edwards domicile, but struggled in the mases of doubt as to whether he was expected to bring a shotgun or a marriage certificate. Judging that it was well to have the civil authorities represented in either case, he called up Constable James Dewey, and togother they went back to the house. A few thumps from Dewey's club awakened the guest, who explained that he was Christopher Doey, who is employed near by, and having partaken of Christmas cheer had attained that condition where all homes looked alike to him. Therefore he had gone to bed in the Edwards home, which happened to be the first to cross his path.

To this explanation and many apologies he added reiterated asseverations of his entire readiness to do whatever was proper in the matter by way of amends. Mrs. Edwards concluded that she did not want to make a complaint, so Doey was permitted to go home to reflect upon a few remarks on the rewards of temperance, which Pastor Taft gave him to take with him. well to have the civil authorities represented

#### RILLED HIMSELF IN A JOKE. McCullom Wanted to Frighten the Prison

One prisoner at the Essex County Penitentiary at Caldwell, N. J., tried to kill himself yesterday morning and falled. Another, who did not want to die, but thought to have some fun with the keepers, succeeded in killing himself. The first was Frank Barblano, sentenced to cighteen months' imprisonment and due to be discharged on Jan. 15, 1898. He had been ill for several days and was permitted to stay in his cell on the bottom tier. While Keeper Ougheltree was making his rounds at 10:30 he heard choking ounds in the Italian's cell, and, looking in, saw Barbiano lying on the floor straining at a strap which encircled his neck and was secured to the foot rail of his cot. The keeper called for assist-

foot rail of his cot. The keeper called for assistance and the prisoner was quickly released and resuscitated. He said that the pains in his head drove him to attempt suicide.

Harry McCullom, a colored man 22 years old, was in his cell on the second tier at the time. He was a bright and cheery young fellow, always playing tricks to amuse the other prisoners. His sentence was for ninety days, and he would have been discharged next Thursday. When the news of the Italian's attempt was whispered through the corridor McCullom said to the man in the next cell: "I guess I'll try that and have some fun with them."

A few minutes later his cell door was heard to rattle and this noise was followed by several groans. Two keepers ran up to his cell, and, finding him hanging by a strap, cut him down. The strap was loosened from his neck and everything was done to restore him, the prison physician and another doctor engaging in the effort. The attempt was unsuccessful, however, and the physicians said that the buckle must have stopped the flow of blood in the jugular vein, rendering him unconscious instantly and killing him within a few seconds.

## WHERE IS THE GULF OF FLORIDA?

#### Admiral Steard's First Is Ordered There and He Wanted to Know Where It Is.

Washington, Dec. 27.-Information was eccived at the Navy Department to-day that the battleships Iowa and Indiana would be ready to leave the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where they are undergoing repairs, on Dec. 31 and Jan. 6 respectively. Orders have been accordingly issued for them to join the North Atlantic Squadron at Hampton Roads. The monitor Terror and the battleship Maine have also been ordered to join the squadron. When the formidable fleet under Rear Admiral Stcard

also been ordered to join the squadron. When the formidable fleet under Rear Admiral Sleard has been assembled at Hampton Roads it will proceed to the Gulf of Florida for the winter manœuvres, with Key West as the base of operations.

Just where the Gulf of Florida is a great many naval officers bave been trying to find out. Even Admiral Sicard was somewhat uncertain as to his destination when he received orders from the Navy Department to proceed there. Some of the maps mark it on one side of the Florida coast and some on another side, and the Admiral did not want to take chances. The officers of the Navigation Bureau thought they could tell him right away, but they found that the Admiral had given them a geographical nut that was not so easy to crack. Some of the charts; show the Gulf of Florida to be among the keys on the Atlantic side of the extreme southern point of the peninsula, while others show that it is south of Cape Sable. The officers found that they would have to settle the question themselves, so they designated as the Gulf of Florida the sheet of water partly inclosed between the keys and the mainland and northward and westward of Key West.

#### POLICEMAN REID'S "BUMS." They Proved Not to He Explosives, as Me Had

Supposed. Charles Ray, the janitor of the tenement at 139 West Thirty-third street, which is peopled by blacks and whites, while sweeping out the cellar yesterday morning came across three cylinders about eight inches long, the ends of which were connected with copper wire. He ran for a policeman, who, when he saw the cylinders, left the cellar to hold a council of war with himself. He finally mustered courage to West Thirtieth street police station. He placed them gently on the deak before Sergeant Daly, "I got three bums here," said Policeman Reid faintly. gather up the cylinders and take them to the

"I got three bums here," said Policeman Reid faintly,

"Got their names!" asked Sergeant Daly without looking up from his blotter.

Reid gave vent to such a hysterical laugh that he attracted his superior's attention, When Daly saw the cylinders on his desk he ducked his head and yelled:

"Take'em away! Take 'em away! Take 'em to the Bureau of Combustibles."

With a sorrowful smile Reid took up the cylinders. When he was near the station door Sergeant Daly yelled after him:

"Reid, you've got bombs there! B-o-m-b-s and not b-u-m-s, as you said."

"Yes, sir," said Reid meekly. Half way up the block he met a friend, who asked him where he was going. He told him, and the friend examined the alleged bombs. "Bosh," said the friend, "they're only dry batteries, and won't hurt you." Thereupon Reid went his way re-Joleing. At the Bureau of Combustibles his iriend's opinion was verified.

#### A FLAG FROM THE FLAG CLASS. Little Girls and Hoys Give It to the Mayor, and

It Will Slaug in the Governor's Room. Three very small girls and three very small boys presented a very big silk flag to Mayor Strong vesterday. They were pupils of the Rhinelander Industrial School, in East Eighty eighth street, and the flag was the result of the ndustry of the members of the flag class. It was mounted on a staff made from a redwood tree, which, it was stated, grew on the farm of Abraham Lincoln in the great State of Indiana. The presentation was made by Emma Mache, aged 11, and she said she wished the Mayor would accept the gift from her and her school-nates, who hoped to grow up as good citizens of Greater New York. The Mayor patted her on the head and said he would be delighted to accept the emblem of liberty on behalf of the present city of New York. The flag will be hung in the Governor's Room.

#### MAGISTRATE HEDGES TO RESIGN. Will Give Up His Office in Time for Mayor

Strong to Appoint Mis Successor. Job E. Hedges, who was appointed a City Magistrate on June 1 of this year by Mayor Strong for a term of ten years, announced at the monthly meeting of the Board of Magistrates last evening that he intended to resign before Jun. I and that his successor would be appointed by Mayor Strong. He said that he would re-sign because the law prohibited a City Magis-trate from having any other occupation.

## A VICTIM OF FOOTBALL.

TEN EYCK TO THE FRONT AS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE.

FOR THE POLICE BOARD.

He Is of This County and Phillips Is the Lending Breeklyn Republican-Supt. Pays and Patterson Still at Work Apparently for the Reappointment of Blamond Charlie Murray.

Every Republican of any prominence in the Republican organizations of Greater New York was interested last night to ascertain the names of the two Republican Police Commissioners, one from New York county and one from Kings, to be appointed by Mayor Van Wyck. Senator Platt and President Quigg of the New York Republican County Committee had a talk at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and both were dumb as muffins afterward. Richard Croker and his friends had a talk at the Mun ray Hill Hotel, and they were equally reticent. It was understood that the names of the Republican Police Commissioners as well as those of the Democratic Police Commissioners, to be named by Mayor Van Wyck will be made known on Wednesday.

Superintendent Payn of the Insurance Department, who has interested himself in the appointment of ex-Police Comissioner Charles H. Murray, arrived at the Grand Union Hotel from Albany. He came down the river with Quarantine Commissioner Jacob M. Patterson. Mr. Patierson, with Mr. Payn, is interested the selection of Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray has called on Senator Platt several times recently, and told how much he desired to have the place again.

Concerning the Democratic Commissioners all that is definitely known is that Bernard York of Kings is certain of appointment by Mayor Van Wyck. It has all along been be lieved that Patrick Keenan would be the Democratic Police Commissioner from this county. but Mr. Keenan's friends said last night that if he could have the choice he would like to be a Dock Commissioner. Just what will be done in this matter will, it was said, be determined to-day or to-morrow.

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Concerning the Republican Police Commissioners the majority opinion last night seemed to be that either Subway Commissioner Thomas L. Hamilton, William H. Ten Eyck, Republican clerk of the Board of Aldermen, or John P. Windolph would be the Commissioner from this county and William E. Phillips the Commissioner from Kings. However, the utmost secrecy was maintained as to the selection of the Republican members of the Police Board. It is a matter of fact, though, that Mr. Ten Eyck became prominent yesterday in the race, where for a long time he has been in the background. He was a candidate for cashier of the New York Custom House, the place given to Jeremiah S. Woods, brother-in-law of Jacob M. Patterson. There was a serious difference of opinion in the New York Republican county organization when this place was given to Mr. Woods. Many Republicans said that Mr. Patterson had been taken care of far beyond his deserts. Yet Mr. Patterson, it turned out last night, is now interested in securing the appointment of Mr. Murray as Police Commissioner. Mr. Murray as Police Commissioner, Mr. Murray, it was said, is on "Mr. Patterson's staff."

Mayor Van Wyck, it was said last night, will recognize in his selection of Police Commissioners the dominant element in the Republican party of Greater New York. All that he demands, it was added, is that competent, men be recommended to him and men of the highest integrity, and, furthermore, men who will attend strictly to their business as Police Commissioners. He doesn't want Republican politicians who will play factional politics in the Police Board, but, on the contrary, he insists upon the appointment of men who will endeavor to improve the police Commissioners. He doesn't want Republican politicians who will use the department for factional purposes.

## BROOKLYN REPUBLICAN HARMONY.

It Is Expected to Begin About the Time Jacob Worth Retires-A Dinner to Mr. Worth.

At a recent meeting of representatives of all the Republican district associations in the Ninth and Twenty-second wards in Brooklyn, a committee was appointed to formulate resolutions urging cessation of all factional strife and harmonious action in the choice of the officers of the new County Committee. With the same harmonizing object in view, a committee of twenty, one-half of whom were for Tracy and the other half for Low, has been chosen by the Logan Club. Just as soon as the committee has outlined a lan of union, representative Republicans from all over the county are to be called together to

With the exit of the Hon. Jacob Worth from the County Clerk's office at the close of the year and a simultaneous hait in his political activiand a simultaneous hait in his political activities, it is generally expected that there will be
no serious obstacle to the complete restoration
of harmony in the party ranks. The friends of
Mr. Worth have arranged a spread in his honor
for to-morrow night at the Clarendon Hotel.
The managers of the affair have discre etly an
nounced that there is to be no flood of oratory,
the speaking to be confined to a brief address
accompanying the presentation of a diamondstudded badge to Mr. Worth and his acceptance
of it. Mr. Worth has told some of his friends
that he intends to go to Europe for a long rest.

## PICKED OUT FOR OFFICE.

#### Promotions Under County Clerk Schmer-Pres ident Peters's Secretary.

George H. Fahrbach of 427 East Fifty-seventi street, at present equity clerk in the County Clerk's office, is to be appointed Deputy County Clerk, to succeed P. J. Scully, who will become City Cierk. William H. Hornidge, assistant law clerk, is to be promoted to succeed Fahrbach, and Sylvester Noisn, former clerk of the Sev enth District Civil Court, will succeed Hornidge. t is also understood that the salary of Cashier John A. Wrede is to be raised from \$2,250 to \$3,000 a year. Erastus C. Wilson, John McNichol, and Pat-

Erastus C. Wilson, John McNichol, and Patrick McCormick, who were removed from good places by County Clerk Purroy during the recent campaign, said vesterday that they have received promises of reappointment under the Tammany Hall administration.

Ira E. Rider of 437 East Eighty-fourth street was selected yesterday by Augustus W. Peters to be secretary to the President of the borough of Manhattan. The salary of the place will be fixed by the Municipal Assembly and the Board of Estimate. Mr. Rider is a native of this city, and is 29 years old. He is a lawyer.

#### BROOKLYN APPOINTEES NAMED. fames of Commissioners and Deputy Com-

missioners Announced. At Democratic headquarters in Brooklyn yes

terday this list of the men who are to get the olg jobs conceded to that borough is given out: Bernard J. York, Police Commissioner; John Shea, Bridge Commissioner; James Kane, Commissioner of Sewers; Daniel Ryan, Comdesioner of Buildings; James Moffett or missioner of Buildings; James Moffett or George V. Brower. Park Commissioner; Arthur C. Salmon and Thomas J. Patterson, Commis-sioners of Taxes and Assessments; Adolph Simis, Jr., Commissioner of Charities; James H. Tully or Michael O Keefe, Deputy Fire Com-missioner; Thomas R. Farrell, Deputy Commis-sioner of Highways; William Brennan, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers; Henry Hesterberg, Deputy Commissioner of Sireet Cleaning; Charites J. Henry, Deputy Commissioner of Charities; Almet F. Jenks, Assistant Corpora-tion Counsel; George H. Russell, Chief of the Brooklyn Bureau of Elections.

## SEVEN AND ELEVEN.

#### Republican Antis Sit. Rise, Report Progress, and Adjourn to Thursday.

The Republican antis who are endeavoring to reorganize the party in this county have not Their committee of seven was to promulgate a constitution for their proposed county organization last night, and their com mittee of eleven was to supplement this with a plan of enrollment and a list of enrolling officers. Both committees met, the seven at the home of Gen. Wager Swayne, and the eleven at the club rooms, 769 Sixth avenue. Both remained in session for two hours or more and then rose to report progress. They will meet again next Thursday night.

## New York Commercial. The new Commercial, Financial and Shipping daily, every morning, beginning Monday, Jan. 3.—144.

Frank Henlein's Fits of Unconsciousness Bu-

to an Injury Received in a Came—Be May Die. Frank Henlein, who seemed to be dazed when be was found sitting on a piazza in Lexington avenue Sunday afternoon, fell into unco ness when taken to the Presbyterian Hospital The surgeons said that he suffered from cere bral hemorrhage, and the police, thinking he might have been sandbagged or in some way as saulted, began an investigation. The young man had been found between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets. He lived at 122 East Ninety-second street. He is 20 years old.

His father told the police yesterday afternoon that his son when a schoolboy at St. John's Colege, eight years ago, was an ambitious football player, and that one day in a game he received an injury to his head which confined him to his bed for six weeks. During much of that time he

was unconscious.

About five years ago, the father said, the boy was taken ill and suffered much as in the earlier illness, being unconscious for four days. Recently, Mr. Henlein said, his son had complained a good deal of trouble with his head and had said that he saw objects in distorted shape and sometimes saw two parallel lines when there was enly one line.

Dr. McWilliams operated on the patient yesterday at the hespital, and found a blood clot at the base of the skull. It was hard and dry, he said, and seemed to be due to an old wound. Up to last night Henlein had not recovered consciousness, and it was scarcely thought that he could survive.

### TRAGEDY AT A GRADE CROSSING. Sleighing Party Struck by a Train-One

Killed and Seven Injured. Urrea. Dec. 27 -The west-bound Lake Shore limited express struck a sleighing party of ten on the Bridge street crossing at St. Johnsville Christmas Eve. The party consisted of Mrs. Cassius Smith, Samuel Smith, aged 19 years; Nancy Smith, aged 23; Gertrude Smith, aged Hulda Smith, aged 4; Nellie Place, aged
 Mrs. James E. Place, Hattie Ingersoll, a iece of Mrs. Smith; Adam Sponable, and

William Wiley, the driver. Nellie Place was instantly killed, begin decapitated. Mrs. Smith was dangerously inher son, suffered a fractured skuil and other injuries, which may prove fatal. Nancy had her upper jaw broken on both sides and her nose broken. Gertrude's left thigh was fractured, and she was bruised about the temple. The child Hulda escaped with a few bruises. Mrs. Place had her nose and kneepan broken, and was severely bruised. Miss Ingersoil escaped with bruises. Mr. Sponable and Mr. Wiley were uninjured.

All of the above live in Minden, opposite St. Johnsville. Both the Smith and Place families attended the Reformed Church in St. Johnsville, and at the time of the accident were returning home after listening to a Christmas eve cantata given in the church, and in which Nellie Place took part. her son, suffered a fractured skull and other

### ONE DEAD AND TWO DYING. The Result of a Lamp Explesion in a Tene-

ment House in Boston. BOSTON, Dec. 27 .- Michael Coleman is dead, Charles Trowbridge and Mrs. Boinard Mahoney are at death's door, and several other persons are in the hospital suffering from severe burns, as the result of a fire in a swarming tenement house at 5 Oak place at 6 o'clock to-night.

A lamp burst in the tenement in which Trow-bridge lived on the top floor. In trying to extinguish the flames Trowbridge inhaled fire and

tinguish the flames Trowbridge inhaled fire and may not survive. His wife Laura, his son Harold, a lad of 10, and his sister-in-law, Mary Kersey, were terribly burned.

Coleman was asleep in an attic, and was suffocated by the smoke. A fireman found him a charred corpse among the ruins. Mrs. Mahoney lived on a lower floor. She had given birth to a child on Christmas Day, but she left her bed and made her way in her night dress out through the smoke and to the street, where neighbors cared for her.

The baby died, and Mrs. Mahoney from the fright and shock is not expected to survive. The ontire upper part of the tenement house was burned and the firemen had great difficulty in saving adjacent buildings.

FIVE DONE: ONLY ONE DUNN.

Sheriff-Elect Introduces Himself at the District Attornes's Office. Sheriff-elect Thomas Dunn called at the District Attorney's office yesterday and asked one of the attendants at Mr. Olcott's door if he could

see the District Attorney. "He's busy now," said the attendant, "but if you give me your card I'll send it inside. He can't see you unless you have important business or unless you are some one of prominence."
"Well, did you ever hear of McSweeney I" said

"Are you Mr. McSweeney !"
"No. I'm not McSweeney, bu "No, I'm not McSweeney!"
"No, I'm not McSweeney, but I'm the fellow who has twice as many friends as McSweeney."
"How many friends have you got?" asked the doorkeeper, trying to kill time.
"Oh," said the Sheriff elect, "I have 157,705, and every mother's son of them voted for me at the last election."

the last election."

"And did the other fellows do you !"

"No! They were done!" said the new Sheriff,
"all five of them. I was Dunn, too, and I'm
Dunn still." Just then Mr. Olcott came out of his office and shook hands with the Sheriff-elect.

## DISPLEASED BY DR. ANDREWS.

#### G. A. H. Men Don't Like His Chicago Speech in Praise of R. E. Lee.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 27.-G. A. R. men In this State are angry over the speech delivered by President Andrews of Brown University at Chicago, in which great praise was given to Gen. Robert E. Lee. Dr. Andrews is a member of Slocum Post of this city, and no one was more displeased by the utterances attributed to Dr. Andrews than were his comrades. At the meeting of Slocum Post the matter of the Andrews lecture was brought up and there was a general desire to know just what he said be-fore further action was taken. One man of-fered a resolution asking Dr. Andrews to de-liver his lecture before the post. Finally a committee was appointed to wait on Dr. An-drews and ask him just what he said at Chi-

The members of the post do not desire to take any hasty action in condemnation of their com-rade, and they are willing that he should tell his own story and justify to them, if possible, the utterance of the objectionable sentiments conerning the character of several of the Generals.

#### TO BEAT CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. A New Yorker Organizing a flociety of "Americans" in Mentucky.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 27.-An effort is being made here to organize a State lodge of the seeret society called "Americans," which has for its object the destruction of civil service reform. The promoter is a New Yorker, who held a place in the Harrison Administration at Washngton. The Lexington Republican who told today of this movement against civil service to thoroughly reliable. He says that the New thoroughly reliable. He says that the New York gentleman is in earnest and is succeeding beyond his expectations in the work of organizing the society. It is a national order and there will be county Congressional district, and State organizations, all amenable to the national organization. Its workings will be controlled in the same manner as those of political parties. Congressmen and Senators who favor civil service will be spotted, and when they attempt to seek re-election they will find the "Americans" arrayed solidly against them. The order has met with much favor here and it is likely to have a large membership in Kenis likely to have a large membership in Ker tucky.

#### DRAGGED TO DEATH BY HIS COW. Mirby Had Tied Her to Him and She Pulled Him in Front of a Train.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 27.-Isom Kirby, a properous farmer of Clifton, Spartanburg county, met a singular death to-day. A negro was driv ing one of Kirby's cowe from one lot to another. The farmer sent the man on an errand, under The farmer sent the man on an errand, undertaking to drive the animal himself. He fastened the rope which was attached to the cow's horns to his wrist. Kirby's house is near the Spartanburg and Columbia Railroad. A train came along and the cow was frightened and ran across the track. Kirby was unable to extricate his wrist from the rope, and was dragged in front of the train and instantly killed. The cow was uninjured.

# CROKER MADEA GOVERNOR

DEMOCRATIC CLUB BUYS A LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE.

Could Never Afford It Before, Unlike Its Riva Clubs, Which Have All Got Them-Alterations Provided For-The Initiation Fee In to Be Baised - New Year's Day Reception.

The Democratic Club has been showing signs f great vitality since Richard Croker announc that he was going to make it his political headquarters. Ever since the liquor tax law quired clubs which dispense liquors to their nembers to pay the \$800 tax the Democratic Club has been without a Liquor Tax certificate because the management felt that it could not, afford one. The club will have a certificate to-day and will begin to dispense liquors as of yore. The money for the certificate was contributed by the individual members of the Board of Governors at a meeting of the board held last night at the clubhouse. There were resent at the meeting Vice-President Edward F. O'Dwyer, Jefferson M. Levy, Joseph Blu-menthal, Thomas E. Crimmins, John Fox, John Vincent, Perry Belmont, Arthur D. Williams and M. Warley Platzek. The absentees were President Roswell P. Flower, George C. Clauser and George F. Martens. The latter, who was elected a few weeks ago to succeed Robert Roosevelt, had resigned and Richard Crok was elected a governor last night to succe

The Board of Governors rescinded the reso-ution which it recently adopted providing for a sale of the clubhouse and provided for the lution which it recently adopted providing for a sale of the clubhouse and provided for the appointment of another committee to arrange for the remodelling and alteration of the house. The proposition to enlarge the building by adding three stories to it and to introduce elevators and change the interior arrangements so as to make it a first-class dining club was discussed and favorably considered, and after the nuesting the governors had a conference with former Superintendent of Buildings Thomas J. Brady, who was selected to plan and carry out the contemplated improvements.

It was also decided to ask the members to vote at the next regular meeting, to be held on Jan. 10, on a proposition to increase the initiation fee from \$50 to \$100. It was further arranged that the club shall keep open house for all Democrats on New Year's Day, when a reception will be given to Mayor Van Wyck and the other new city and county officials who are expected to attend after the official reception at the City Hall.

Vice-President O'Dwyer, Mr. Belmont, and John Fox were appointed a committee to walt or Mr. Croker at the Murray Hill Hotel and notify him of his election as governor. This they did late last evening.

It was announced at the meeting that Mr. Croker would not be elected President of the club and that ex-Gov. Flower had consented to remain in that place. Mr. Croker is looked on as the force which will work the success of the club in its new venture, but he has no desire to be the club? President. In his venture into State politics he desires, it is said, the aid of men like ex-Gov. Flower, who are well and favorably known to the Democrats of the rural districts.

#### INVITED TO LAKEWOOD BY CROKER. special Invitations to Plunkitt and Delmour-Primaries to Be Peaceful.

Richard Croker said last evening that he will return to Lakewood on the 1:45 train this afternoon. Among those who will probably accompany him or join him there during the next twenty-four hours are Mayor-elect Van Wyck, Comptroller elect Coler and most of the other recently elected Tammany Hall officials, together with John F. Carroll, George W. Plunkitt, Lawrence Delmour and other district leaders. This will be the first visit to the retrest among the pines of Plunkitt and Delmour, both of whom are counted among the stanchest of the old line leaders who are behind Mr. Croker in his leadership of the organization. Both are said to have received special invitations to Lakewood.

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Comptroller-elect Coler and District Attorney-elect Gardiner were among Mr. Croker's visitors at the Murray Hill Hotel last evening, Others were the inevitable Mr. Carroll, Michael T. Daly, Daniel M. Donegan, State Senator Cantor and Asemblyman T. F. Donneily, who is to be the leader in the lower house of the Legislature, and ex-Police Justices Charles Welde and William H. Burke.

The story that John W. Keller is to be appointed Charity Commissioner was not confirmed by the Tammany leaders last night, although it was broadly intimated that he will get some good place. It was also hinted that the name of Henry H. Nelson, which for a long time has been considered as a fixture on the slate, may not appear there when the final distribution of places comes.

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The Tammany primaries will be held tonight, and it was said last night that the contests which promised to develop in several of the Assembly districts have been settled in advance through the interposition of Mr. Croker, and that peace and harmony will prevail at every polling place.

## DAN DALY BADLY HURT. May Die as a Result of a Fall in a Beston

Theatre. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.-While Dan Daly was giving an imitation of a slack-wire performance at the Park Theatro to-night he slipped and fell to the stage, striking on his head and suffering a concussion of the brain. He was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital. His condition is very critical, and his death is expected

dition is very critical, and his death is expected at any moment.

The accident happened near the close of the first act. Mr. Daily appeared in a grotesque costume, and, mounting the wire which was stretched across the stage, started to cross.

When he was about half way over one of the control are way, precipitating him to the supports gave way, precipitating him to the stage. The audience, believing this to be a part of the show, applauded vigorously, but when Mr. Dalg failed to rise consternation prevailed. The curtain was lowered and the full extent of the accident soon announced. Mr. Daly's understudy took his place for the remainder of the rise.

#### A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL'S PLIGHT. Found in the Street Suffering from Cold and Hunger.

A 14-year-old girl, who said she was Katle Brownlie of Stapleton, S. I., was found in Market street, Newark, last night suffering from cold and hunger and in a pitiable condition from exhaustion. A warm meal was given her and she was put to bed in the First Precinct Hospital. was put to bed in the First Precinct Hospital. She was thinly clad, a little shawl taking the place of hat and coat, and the soles were entirely worn from her shoes.

She said that she went to Newark yesterday with a Mrs. McLaughlin, but could, or would, tell nothing further and talked incoherently, at one time she said she walked to Newark, and her condition seemed to bear out the statement. She said her parents lived in Stapieton, and that she belonged to Father Wilson's church. The Stapleton police were notified.

## NATIONAL BANK EXAMINER. It Is Said J. W. McDonald of Lincoln, Neb.,

Will Come Here in That Capacity. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27 .- It is said here that the next Comptroller of the Currency, Charles Gates Dawes, will appoint John W. McDonald of Lincoln as national bank examiner for the city of New York. Mr. Dawes was at one time a resident of Lincoln, and his unusual action in selecting a Western man for this place is jus-tified on the score of close personal friendship for and long acquaintance with Mr. McDonald, The latter is the manager of the Clark & Leonard Investment Company, a mortgage loan corporation with Eastern connections, and a financier of standing in the West. The ap-pointment is slated to be made in the near ru-ture.

#### S. V. WHITE ON DECK AGAIN. Applies for Beinstatement on the New York Stock Exchange.

S. V. White has applied for reinstatement or the New York Stock Exchange, having secured eleases from all his creditors. He failed May 5, 1893, for more than \$500,000, after the May 5, 1898, for more than \$500,000, after the collepse in Cordage stock and a decline in the stock of the American Sugar Refining Company to 82. Prior to that Mr. White had failed before on the Stock Exchange, on Sept. 22, 1891 after a disastrous venture in corn. He paid all his creditors from that failure in full with interest, after they had given releases to him.

Makes You Haugry !

THE OFERMAN COMPANY FAILS.

#### ne of the Biggest Bicycle Concerns in th Country-Maker of the Victor Wheel

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 27.-The Overman Wheel Company of Chicopes Falls, makers of the Victor bicycles, made an assignment to-day. It is one of the oldest and largest bleycle houses in the country. The company issued this statement to-night:

"The Overman Wheel Company to-day made an assignment of all its property to H. H. Bowman, President of the Springfield National Bank, as trustee for the benefit of its creditors. The necessity for this action rose out of the company's inability to meet obligations maturing to-day. As shown from the annual statement from the inventory taken Nov. 1 last, the company has \$539,000 liabilities with \$1,318,000 assets. A meet ing of the creditors has been called at the office of the company for Friday. Dec. 31, for the purpose of determining the future policy of the company. The management believes that with a reas extension of time the present prospects of busi ness are such as to warrant a payment in full o all claims. The company now has advance orders for something over \$250,000 worth or goods. The mill has been closed to await ac ion of the creditors. The directors hope that the shut down will only be temporary."

The greater part of the company's liabilities are held by New York and Boston banks. The help was paid off in full last night. The plant is said to be worth \$500,000. There is \$200,000 of assets in bills receivable and nearly \$500,000 n stock in process of manufacture.

The company is capitalized under the laws of connecticut at \$250,000. A. H. Overman holds controlling interest, and the rest is held prin President of the company, R. R. Reeder of Chicopee, the Secretary, and Rodney Dennis of Hartford and George D. Seymour of New Haven, directors.

#### NEGRO BURNED TO DEATH. No Was the Murderer of Luckie and Eskridge

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27.-Word was received ere by telephone from Glendors, Miss., to-day

that Joe Hopkins, a negro, was captured by a mob this morning and lynched for having mur dered the two plantation managers, John W. Luckie and Sam Eskridge, near Glendora, yes terday. As soon as news of the double murder got out

posse of citizens was organized to pursue Hopkins. All night the hunt continued. morning the fugitive was run down. He was hurried to the scene of his crime and put to leath in a frightful fashion. First a pile of fagots and dry kindling wood

#### was made. Then Hopkins was tied to a limb of a tree, head downward. The fagots were saturated with oil and then fired. Eskridge and Luckie both have families who deplore the horrible fashion of the lynching. NEGRO DEFENDS A WHITE WOMAN.

Shoots Her Husband Dead When He Tries to Kill Her with a Knife. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 27.-Emmet F. Wood was divorced from one woman two months ago and married another in half a month. This last woman he drove from home by his cruelty, and when she sought the protection of her father's home Wood pursued her and attempted to kill her with a knife. Her father, J. T. Rogers, called on a negro standing by to help him, and when the negro responded Wood made at him with the knife. The negro got Wood's revolver and shot him through the left eye, killing him instantly. Then be escaped. Wood was a bad man with a knife, and two years ago cut a man all to pieces. Rogers does not know the negro

## SHOT IN JAIL.

Howell Was Locked Up for Following Mrs.

Colitus and Collins Killed Him. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 27.-At Bessemer, early to-night, J. H. Howell, a mine foreman, aged about 38, was arrested on complaint of Mrs. Tom Collins, wife of a well-known saloon had been following her and her daughter while

on their way home. About an hour afterward Collins went to the jail and asked permission to see Howell. He was shown to the celi, where he drew a pistol

and fired a bullet into Howell's heart. Collins was brought to the Birmingham Jail to-night. He declares that Howell insulted his wife and daughter and that he feels justified in having slain him. Collins is about 50 years of

# FIRE IN DUANE STREET.

it Starts in the Premises Occupied by the Res Fire Extinguisher Company.

Fire was discovered by Policeman Sullivan on the second floor of 72 Duane street at 12:30 It had started apparently in the premises oc cupied by the Rex Fire Extinguisher Company,

and had extended through to the rear of the

building and both up and down within it.

An explosion on that floor blew the window frames across the street.

The Atlas Safe Company, which had a salestroom on the ground floor of 72, as well as the other tenants of the five-story building, were completely burned out. other tenants of the five-story building, were completely burned out.

By 2 o'clock the fire was practically under control. No. 72 was completely gutted, and on the top floor and in the basement 70 and 74 were burned out, and all the floors were thor-

# were burned out, and all the floors were thoroughly wet down. Eight engines were pumping hard at 2:30 o'clock. The firms who suffered in No. 70 were Doty & Scrimgeour, surface-coated papers, and Morris & Batt, cigar manufacturers, and in 72 the George McGibbens Flexible Bookbinding Company, the Acme Stationery Company, and J. W. O'Bannon, paper dealer. DASHED DOWN A MINE SHAFT.

Two Ice Cutters Fall 450 Feet with a Car

ringe and Are Milled. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 27.-John Agnewand Thomas Kennedy went down the Allen shaft this morning to cut the ice which had prevented the carriage from running smoothly. Starting the carriage from running smoothly. Starting at the top, contrary to custom, they cut away the ice until the carriage had descended about 200 feet. Then the car stuck and could not be moved. The men could not signal the engineer and the rope continued to coil on the bonnet of the carriage until the weight of it forced the carriage the dropped 450 feet to the bottom. Both men were killed and the carriage was smashed to small bits. The engineer says he had warned the men to start cutting the tee from the bottom, but they insisted on beginning at the top.

#### 228 DAYS FROM LONDON termy Passage of the Bark Antura-Four At-

at the top.

tempts to Round Cape Horn. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.-The British oark Natura arrived to-day 228 days from London after one of the stormiest voyages around the Horn on record. Forty per cent. reinsurance had been paid. She was thought to be lost. The ship was loaded with creosote, and many of the casks got surift and leaked, filling the hold with

dangerous gas.

From Aug. 7 to 29 four attempts were made to round Cape Horn. The vessel was swept by huge seas and the sails and rigging were badly damaged. It was finally decided to put back to the Cape of Good Hope for repairs.

FLOWERS FROM THE M'KINLEYS.

#### iont to the Family of the Minister Who Married Her Parents. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 27.-President and Mrs. McKinley to-day sent a large box of handsome flowers to the family of the Rev. William

Gefion, commanded by Prince Henry of Prussia, arrived here to-day. Prince Henry landed in the afternoon and was received with military

A guard of honor composed of British grensdiers was drawn up at the wharf at which he landed. In the evening the Prince visited Gen. Sir Robert Biddulph, Governor and Commands er-in-Chief of Gibraltar, who gave a dinner in his honor.

#### RUSSIA DOMINATES COREA. Rapid Growth of Russian Influence in the Peninsula.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 27.-Russia has become the dominant power in Corea. Her re-cent operations in that kingdom, as detailed in the mail advices received to-day, leave no doubs that Russia intends eventually to exercise sovereignty over what the Corean King calls "Great Corea." The Japanese papers, which maintain the liveliest interest in everything relating to Corea, admit that Russia has com-pletely distanced Japan in the struggle for supremacy there. The Japan Times, Japan's great national paper, says this struggle was brought to a culminating point in February last when Russia caused to be published in the Offcial Messenger at St. Petersburg the text of the secret Russo-Japanese convention. News of this treaty greatly surprised Corea, but the Japanese Minister at Seoul secured a temporary advantage by representing that the treaty was a successful attempt by Japan to maintain the

balance of power in Corea and thus preserve from new dangers the independence of the kingdom for which Japan had so recently poured out her treasure and blood in war against China. This representation caused a temporary reaction against Russian ascendancy, of which the King's removal to his palace from the Russian Legation was the outward sign. The Russo-Japanese convention left the reorganization of Corea to her own Government, but in July Japan was completely checkmated, as the Times admits, by the arrival from Vladivostock of thirteen Russian army officers, who proceeded at once to drill the Corean army. Three years ago China, Japan and cussia coveted Corea, and Japan maintained he right against China by war. The Russian hear now stretches out his paw and through diplomacy and the military strength of the Russian hempire takes the prize from Japan. England had slight influence in Corea, but Russia intended to nullify this when McLevy Brown was dismissed as Corea's financial adviser and M. Alexieft, a Russian, was appointed his successor. Alexieff was preparing three weeks ago, according to to-day's advices, to discharge nearly the entire Corean customs staff and appoint as many Russians to office. The Russian Minister has just arranged a loan for the Corean Government from the Russo-Chinese Bank of over \$1,000,000 to bear interest at 3 per cent.

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Distress prevails in a part of Corca. The King has pronibited the exportation of rice and Kussia will be looked to for assistance if outside aid is needed.

The announcement is made that Russian missionaries are to follow her political emissaries in dominating Corca. Greek churches will shortly be built in the cities. On Nov. 20 Corcan soldiers intercepted and turned back the Japanese Secretary of Legation in Seoul while en route to the United States Consulate on official business. The affair was witnessed by an official of the German Consulate and has become the subject of pointed diplomatic correspondence. The Japanese newspapers blame Russia for this insult.

## BACK FROM DAWSON.

Nineteen More Miners Arrive, and All Have

Gold Dust. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.-Three steamers from the north, the Farralon, Rosalie, and Tees, are rived to-day, bringing nineteen Dawsonians, some of whom had left as recently as Nov. 16

and all of whom have gold in abundance. They found the river so blocked that sleds had to be discarded, and the trip was made afoot, with the thermometer falling to 72 degrees below zero.

At Five Finger Rapids they picked up a young prospector who had lain down to die. Both his feet were so badly frozen that he was helpiess and his comrades had thereupon abandoned him to his fate.

The miners at Dawson, when the newcomers left there, were offering \$2 a pound for flour, and none was purchasable, while many are coming up the river buying outfits from inbound prospectors or selling their own stores and coming through to the coast to winter. These men are doing more than all others to relieve the critical food situation.

The party of six arriving by the Tees have \$80,000 among them, and declare that fully 500 miners are following them out over the trail, all having gold. At Five Finger Rapids they picked up a young

## WINTER ROUTE TO THE KLONDIKE ome Returned Miners Say Anybody Can Got

Through via Testin. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27 .- Any one who wishes may go through from Victoria to Dawson City with 300 pounds of provisions. At least this is what George W. Otterson, Frank Bailee, and R. H. Fitzhugh, who have just arrived here via Teslin Lake, Telegraph Creek, and Spicken River, say. From six miles above Wrangel, where the river lee commences to which point the steamer Alaskan is maintaining a daily service, they say there is perfect sledding over ice smooth enough for skates to Telegraph Creek, and thence an admirable trait to Lake Teslin from which point river sledding continues to Juph to the Klondike.

The journey from Wrangel to Lake Teslin can now be made comfortably in twenty days and all along the route there is good camping ground and abundance of fire wood. Many miners are now returning from Lynn Canal to Wrangel to take this easier winter route. R. H. Fitzhugh, who have just arrived here

## SECRETARY GAGE'S VISIT.

Takes a Trip from Washington to He the fivest

at Dinner of Horace White. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, reached this city from Washington yesterday afternoon. He went to the Sub-Treasury in Wall street upon his arrival and had a lone talk with Assistant Treasurer Conrad N. Jordan and Deputy Assistant Treasurer M. L. Minieman. His purpose in coming to town was to attend a dinner given by Hornee White last night. On his way back to Washington to day he is to inspect the new revenue cutter McCulloch at Baltimore.

### 1,800 MEN SHOVELLING SNOW. Most of the Leading Streets Cleared of Sun-

day's Fall Last Night. The American Transfer Company, which has the contract for removing the snow and ica rom the streets of the city, had 1,800 men and large number of carts at work on the job yesa large number of carts at wars on the job yes-terday. The work began at 6 o'clock on Sunday night, and at 6 o'clock last might nearly all the leading thoroughares of the city, neinding Broad-way, the avenues, with the exception of Fifth, on which the show was left for sleighing. Park-row, and Nassatt, Wall, Broad, and Beaver streets had been cleaned. It is expected that the entire were will be fluished before to-near-row uight.

night. A Buffalo Cow for Praspect Park.

A buffalo cow from Wichits, Kan, has been added to the menageric in Tree, at Park is Brooklys. W. Taylor, who died yesterbay. The funeral will take place to morrow. Taklor married Mrs. McKinley's parents.